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1. Rodoljub Colakovic, who was relieved of his post as president of Bosnia and Hercegovina on 31 August 1948 and is currently Yugoslav Minister of Culture and Science, has manifested pro-Cominform sympathies. At the time of the Cominform resolution against Tito, he declared, "Better to be dead, than to be branded by Moscow". Some Communists believe that he will be the Cominform chief in Yugoslavia.
2. Colakovic's wavering attitude and bias for the Cominform was brought to the attention of the Central Committee of the Yugoslav Communist Party by Kajo Kapetanovic, former Minister of Industry and Forests and currently president of the Regional Committee for Bosnia and Hercegovina. As a result Colakovic is now under the control of the Politburo in Belgrade and has been obliged to give public anti-Cominform speeches.
3. Six ministers were arrested in Bosnia and Hercegovina, among them Ljubic (fnu), Starovic(fnu), and the minister of local communications.
4. Mosa Pijade also wavered following the Cominform resolution. Sessions attended by the entire Politburo were held to discuss action to be taken regarding his tendency to favor Moscow. As a disciplinary measure, Pijade was ordered to speak publicly against the Cominform.
5. Radios Belgrade and Trieste on 29 April 1949 announced the death of Slavko Rodic assistant to Koca Popovic, Chief of the Yugoslav Army. It is doubted whether Rodic really died a natural death inasmuch as he was young and recently appeared in good health.

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